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1. DURING THE PAST THREE DAYS, I HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY DISCUSS WITH BOTH MARWAN AND FAHMY, SEPARATELY, RECENT LIBYAN ABORTIVE COUP ATTEMPT. MARWAN CLAIMS EGYPT WAS NOT INVOLVED IN COUP PLOTTING. IN ADDITION TO HAWADI AND MUHAYSHI, HE THOUGHT AL-HUNI MIGHT BE INVOLVED. ALTHOUGH THE LATTER IS OUT OF THE COUNTRY, MARWAN SAW SOME SIGNIFICANCE IN QADHAAFI'S NAMING AL-HUNI TO HEAD LIBYAN DELEGATION TO LIMA CONFERENCE. QADHAAFI WAS TRYING TO SHOW THEREBY THAT AL-HUNI NOT RPT NOT INVOLVED. MARWAN FURTHER CLAIMED THAT THIS WAS THE SECOND COUP ATTEMPT IN LIBYA IN ONE MONTH. QADHAAFI, HE OPINED, IS BEGINNING TO FEEL THE SQUEEZE.

2. FAHMY'S ACCOUNT IS SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT. HE CLAIMED RECENT COUP ATTEMPT WAS AT LEAST EGYPTIAN-INSPIRED, EVEN IF THERE WAS NO RPT NO DIRECT EGYPTIAN INVOLVEMENT. HE ATTRIBUTED CESSATION OF LIBYAN MEDIA ATTACKS ON EGYPT IN PAST SEVERAL DAYS TO SUCCESS OF RECENT EGYPTIAN PRESSURE TACTICS. ANOTHER COUP WOULD TAKE PLACE "WITHIN SIX MONTHS TIME," HE OPINED, WITH PERHAPS MORE DIRECT EGYPTAN INVOLVEMENT AND THAT ONE WOULD SUCCEED. QADHAAFI WOULD EVENTUALLY BE TOPPLED. DESPITE CESSATION LIBYAN PUBLIC MEDIA ATTACKS, FAHMY SAID EGYPTIAN MEDIA ATTACKS ON QADHAAFI WILL CONTINUE.

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